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additional signatures

**Re: Neglected Needs of Low- and Moderate-Income Katrina Victims in  
the Unincorporated Communities of South Mobile County**

Dear Mr. Johnson:

The undersigned organizations and individuals are writing to request support for unincorporated areas of south Mobile County – home to a unique multicultural people who have harvested and protected Alabama’s seafood for many years – still struggling to rebuild almost two years after Hurricane Katrina. We seek your assistance in ensuring that residents of these communities, most of whom have low incomes, will not continue to be overlooked by the “competitive” process established by ADECA for distributing Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Hurricane Katrina disaster funds.

Thousands of residents in the unincorporated coastal towns of Mobile County lost everything they had when Hurricane Katrina submerged the coast in a tidal surge on August 29, 2005. As of today, the majority of these families have received little assistance. Approximately 400 families are still living in FEMA campers and many more are doubled up in single-family homes. The State’s process for distributing CDBG money has put these residents at a disadvantage, pitting them in competition against neighboring incorporated cities in their own county, and forcing them to rely on the overburdened Mobile County to provide for them. Moreover, the state’s failure to undertake a comprehensive unmet needs assessment has meant these unincorporated communities cannot even rely on the benefits of state surveys and concrete numbers to substantiate their claims. The State’s failure to provide for these citizens in the first round of CDBG fund disbursement contradicts the federal program’s intent to assist low- to moderate-income people,<sup>1</sup> and violates Alabama’s own stated objective to address unmet needs.<sup>2</sup>

As ADECA prepares to distribute the second round of CDBG disaster recovery funding, we call on you to aid these neglected unincorporated communities and bring Alabama into compliance with its statutory obligations. We recognize the difficult decision you have to make in allocating a small pool of funds, vastly inadequate to provide for the many Alabama residents affected by Hurricane Katrina. However, we request:

- **An expedited unmet needs assessment to inform the equitable distribution of the remaining CDBG funds;**

<sup>1</sup> See Pub. L. No. 109-148, 119 Stat. 2780 (Dec. 31, 2005); Pub. L. No. 109-234, 120 Stat. 473 (June 15, 2006).

<sup>2</sup> Hurricane Katrina Action Plan for Disaster Recovery, Community Development Block Grant Program, State of Alabama (March 2006), available at [www.adeca.alabama.gov](http://www.adeca.alabama.gov) (March 2006 Plan); Hurricane Katrina Action Plan for Supplemental Disaster Recovery Funds, Community Development Block Grant Program, State of Alabama (December 2006), available at [www.adeca.alabama.gov](http://www.adeca.alabama.gov) (December 2006 Plan).

- **A site visit by ADECA staff to unincorporated Mobile, to meet with residents before allocation of the CDBG funds, and**
- **An immediate meeting between ADECA and community organizations to discuss plans for conducting the unmet needs assessment.**

### **I. Alabama’s Competitive Distribution Process Disadvantages Low-Income Residents and Members of Classes Protected under the Federal Fair Housing Act in Unincorporated Mobile County**

ADECA acknowledges the unparalleled destruction suffered by the residents of Mobile County in the State’s Hurricane Katrina Action Plan for Supplemental Disaster Recovery Funds. According to the document’s statistics, “in Mobile County alone 41,692 occupied housing units suffered minor damage...2,814 occupied housing units suffered major damage...and 363 occupied housing units suffered severe damage.”<sup>3</sup>

Despite these admittedly dire circumstances, Alabama allocated to the County of Mobile only \$8.4 million (of the initial \$74 million available) for home rehabilitation in the first round of CDBG funding.<sup>4</sup> The lower-income residents of unincorporated towns disproportionately suffer due to this inadequate funding.

When Katrina hit, it submerged twelve miles of Mobile County in a tidal surge that blew away hundreds of homes fronting the Gulf and Mobile Bay. Unincorporated towns, home to thousands of low-income residents, composed much of this coastal area, including Coden, Alabama Port, Delta Port, Fowl River, Heron Bay, Hollingers Island, Irvington, Mon Louis Island, Sans Souci, and St. Elmo. This area is home to people with a significant number of minorities, and who are of predominantly low to moderate-incomes, without a significant middle class.<sup>5</sup>

Situated between the Gulf Coast’s Mississippi Sound and Bayou La Batre, Coden, with a population of about 3,000 people, suffered some of the worst damage. While we have been unable to obtain official data quantifying the loss (see below for discussion of government’s failure to provide comprehensive unmet needs assessment), we can anecdotally report that, in Coden alone, more than 75% of the homes received damage greater than 50%. Bayou La Batre, an *incorporated* town in Mobile County with 2,725 residents,<sup>6</sup> also suffered major flood and wind damage due to the storm, though no homes were totally washed away as none of this city’s limits bordered directly on the Gulf. As reported in an ADECA-commissioned housing study in June 2006, some estimate that Hurricane Katrina affected approximately 1,200 residents in Bayou La Batre, and approximately 40,000 in Mobile County.<sup>7</sup>

A comparison between the State’s treatment of Bayou La Batre and Coden following the storm illustrates the particular burden borne by the low-income residents of the unincorporated communities.

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<sup>3</sup> (December 2006 Plan). Mobile County Public Works Department in Mobile County has estimated that 8,600 housing units suffered minimum damage, 850 suffered major damage, and 550 were destroyed. *See A Post-Katrina Housing & Needs Analysis For The Mobile, Alabama MSA For Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs By Woods Research, Inc.* (June 2006) (“Woods Study”), Volume I, pg. 9. Community leaders and advocacy groups itemized the rebuilding costs for homes destroyed, seriously, and minimally damaged at over \$300 million. *See* attached letter sent April 9, 2007 to the Mobile County Commission from Alabama Arise, Central Fair Housing, Inc., and South Bay Communities Alliance.

<sup>4</sup> Katrina Disaster Fund Awards, FY 2006.

<sup>5</sup> See Social Impact Assessment For the Proposed Main Pass Energy Hub, Environmental Impact Statement, January 2005. Prepared for: engineering-environmental Management, Inc. (e<sup>2</sup>M), Prepared by: John F. Salter, Ph.D., Consultant Services Agreement e2M-04-090, pg. 5.

<sup>6</sup> U.S. Census (2005).

<sup>7</sup> Woods Study, Volume I, pg.12.

Bayou La Batre, as an *incorporated* town, was able to apply to the State separately from Mobile County for the CDBG funds. Ultimately, the small town secured for its residents \$37 million in CDBG funds, over \$8 million of which was designated for housing rehabilitation and development.<sup>8</sup> This allocation amounts to over \$6500 per affected resident, or \$3000 per resident.<sup>9</sup>

Coden, in sharp contrast, as an *unincorporated* community, could not apply for its own funding and was forced to rely on Mobile County to provide. As discussed above, Mobile County secured only \$8.4 million of the CDBG funds for the entire county, including the City of Mobile, Coden and the several other unincorporated towns hit by the storm. This allocation amounts to only \$250 per affected person. According to Annette McGrady, of Roth McHugh & Associates, the private firm responsible for administering Mobile County's CDBG program, twelve hundred (1,200) residents of Mobile County applied for a grant from this small fund. McGrady estimates that the fund will serve only approximately one hundred (100) of these applicants.<sup>10</sup>

## **II. Disadvantaging Low-Income Residents and Members of Classes Protected under the Federal Fair Housing Act in the Unincorporated Towns Defies the CDBG Program's Intent**

A previous letter to the Mobile County Commission (dated Feb. 26, 2007, and resent March 6) carbon copied to your office, carried the signatures of 29 organizations and 202 individuals. It stated: "We are particularly concerned that the current procedures place lower income families and members of classes protected under the federal Fair Housing Act – those people who are priority recipients of CDBG funds – at a particular disadvantage."<sup>11</sup> This letter received no response.

The CDBG program establishes a pool of funds intended principally to benefit low- and moderate-income persons. *See* 42 U.S.C. § 5301(c) ("The primary objective of this chapter and of the community development program of each grantee under this chapter is the development of viable urban communities, by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low and moderate income."). The CDBG allocations included in the Department of Defense Appropriations Act passed at the end of 2005 and in the Supplemental Appropriations Act passed in June 2006 specified that 50% of the funds were to be used to benefit low and moderate income families.<sup>12</sup>

The Federal Department Housing and Urban Development (HUD) did grant Alabama a waiver from this specific percentage requirement in order to promote expedient disaster recovery.<sup>13</sup> This waiver, however, does not obviate Congress' clear intent to provide for low-income families with the CDBG money, nor does it justify the State's abandonment of large segments of its vulnerable, distressed and lower-income unincorporated communities.

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<sup>8</sup> Katrina Disaster Fund Awards, FY 2006.

<sup>9</sup> U.S. Census (2006).

<sup>10</sup> National housing groups have found serious flaws in Mobile County's Commission's "Policy Statement and Procedures" for distributing these limited funds, including a vague buyout clause that has frightened many potential recipients from applying for the CDBG funds. *See* attached Alabama Arise letter to ADECA and Mobile County Commission dated Dec. 19, 2006. Mobile County distributed the limited funds it received through an unfair, arbitrary and confusing procedure that particularly disadvantaged low-income residents and classes protected under the Fair Housing Act.

<sup>11</sup> *See* attached letter sent Feb. 27 and March 6, 2007 to the Mobile County Commission and carbon-copied to ADECA, signed by 29 national and state organizations, and 202 individuals protesting that: Mobile County gave inadequate notice to residents about the program; the application distribution process was too short; the deadline for submitting applications was too short; the program administrator failed to conduct outreach to County residents; the advertising was done only in English, in direct violation of the Commission's Policy Statement and Procedures; application materials were not readily available for residents outside the City of Mobile; no explanatory materials were provided with the application; and little assistance was provided to residents for completing the application. The signatories have received no reply to this letter.

<sup>12</sup> *See* Pub. L. No. 109-148, 119 Stat. 2780 (Dec. 31, 2005); Pub. L. No. 109-234, 120 Stat. 473 (June 15, 2006) ("at least 50 percent of the funds made available under this heading must benefit primarily persons of low and moderate income unless the Secretary otherwise makes a finding of compelling need").

<sup>13</sup> 71 F.R. 34448 (June 14, 2005).

### **III. Disadvantaging Low-Income Residents and Members of Classes Protected Under the Federal Fair Housing Act in Unincorporated Towns Violates Alabama's Federally-Approved CDBG State Action Plans**

Alabama's State Action Plans for Disaster Recovery for the CDBG Program confirm the priority to serve low- to moderate-income families. The March 2006 Plan states

A necessary component of the recovery efforts will be to ensure that residents who live in the disaster impacted areas prior to the occurrence of Katrina have access to affordable housing in those areas....The State will consult and partner...with...interested parties to evaluate the housing needs of residents including the needs of low- and moderate-income individuals and families.”<sup>14</sup>

Moreover, the State requires applicants for CDBG funds to discuss “short- and long-term recovery plans...to prevent low-income individuals and families with children from becoming homeless.”<sup>15</sup> Failing to provide equally for the low-income residents of the unincorporated towns clearly violates this express requirement.

In addition to emphasizing the needs of low-income residents, the State Action Plans establish criteria for awarding CDBG grants to applicants, including the extent of damage,<sup>16</sup> the unmet need,<sup>17</sup> and the extent to which the proposed activity will serve the need.<sup>18</sup> These criteria require “a qualitative and quantitative assessment of the damage to the community's infrastructure, housing and economic base, and the effect this damage had on the lives of local residents.”<sup>19</sup>

As of today, the federal, state and local governments have failed to provide a comprehensive unmet needs assessment for the unincorporated communities of Mobile County.<sup>20</sup> Community leaders and advocacy groups have repeatedly requested a comprehensive unmet needs assessment in meetings with Mobile County officials, ADECA and the Governor's office. The lack of such a comprehensive unmet needs assessment further disadvantages residents of the unincorporated towns, who must rely only on self-gathered and anecdotal evidence to substantiate their claim.

### **IV. Conclusion: ADECA Must Provide for the Disproportionately Unmet Needs of Low-Income Residents and Members of Classes Protected Under the Federal Fair Housing Act in Unincorporated Towns of Mobile County**

The supplemental pool of funds ADECA is currently preparing to distribute is small in comparison with the initial \$74 million, and is desperately inadequate to meet the monumental unmet needs of these communities. The extent to which these communities were left out of the first round of funding, however, demands that ADECA now do everything it can to help these neglected towns rebuild.

The State Plans require that ADECA consider unmet “needs” when assessing applications. In accordance with this requirement, we ask that – prior to making the second round awards – ADECA conduct an expedited unmet needs assessment. Such an assessment would provide the basis for an equitable distribution of the current round of CDBG funds. In addition, an assessment will quantify the considerable unmet needs – needs which will exist even after the two rounds of Katrina funds are disbursed –

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<sup>14</sup> March 2006 Plan.

<sup>15</sup> March 2006 Plan; December 2006 Plan.

<sup>16</sup> March 2006 Plan.

<sup>17</sup> *Id.*

<sup>18</sup> December 2006 Plan.

<sup>19</sup> March 2006 Plan.

<sup>20</sup> “There is no central point that has all the data. The assessment and recovery process is extremely fragmented. Most of the agencies and organizations involved are working, but not always together.” Woods Study, Volume I, pg. 10.

and inform current discussions about federal legislation for additional Katrina relief. We request you contact Zack Carter at Alabama Arise (tel. 800 832-9060) as soon as possible to arrange a meeting between ADECA staff, and representatives of Alabama Appleseed, Alabama Arise and the South Bay Communities Alliance to discuss implementation of this unmet needs assessment.

Lastly, we would like to invite you and other ADECA representatives to Coden to witness first hand the staggering need that still exists in these unincorporated towns. We would like to arrange for you to tour the community, and meet with some of the local residents. Please contact Jim Fuller, President of South Bay Communities Alliance (SBCA), and Paul Nelson, Board Member SBCA to arranging that tour, at Coastal Community Center, P.O. Box 112, Coden, Al. 36523, (tel. 251 824-9700; 251 442-5213). For any other questions or concerns regarding this letter, please contact Trisha Miller at the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law (tel. 202-662-8340).

To view interviews with some of the families you will meet when you come to Coden, visit: [http://www.dailymotion.com/us/search/Kat%20Interview/video/x1k4pc\\_southbaycommunities](http://www.dailymotion.com/us/search/Kat%20Interview/video/x1k4pc_southbaycommunities).

Sincerely,

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**Common Ground Legal Advocacy**, 215 N. Jefferson Davis Parkway, New Orleans, La.

**Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law**, 1401 New York Ave, NW Washington, D.C., 20005

**National Fair Housing Alliance**, 1212 New York Ave. NW, Suite 525, Washington, D.C. 20005

**National Housing Law Project**, 614 Grand Ave., Ste. 320, Oakland, CA 94610

**National Low Income Housing Coalition, Washington, D.C.** 727 15th St. NW, 6th Floor, Washington, DC

**National Policy and Advocacy Council on Homelessness (NPACH)**, 916 St. Andrew St., New Orleans, LA

**Southern Poverty Law Center**, 400 Washington Ave., Montgomery, Al. 36104

### **Alabama Organizations**

**ACLU of Alabama**, 207 Montgomery Street, Suite 900, Montgomery, Al 36103

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**Alabama Arise**, 207 Montgomery Street, Montgomery, Al., 36104

**Alabama Association of Homes and Services for the Aging**, 4941 Montevallo Road, Birmingham, AL 35210

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**Carlisa, Inc.**, 1198 Old Castleberry Rd., Brewton, Al., 36426

**Center for Fair Housing, Inc.**, 600 Bel Air Blvd., Mobile, Al., 36607

**Independent Living Resources of Greater Birmingham**, 206 13th Street S. Birmingham, AL 35233-1317

**Montgomery Center for Independent Living** 600 South Court Street Montgomery, Alabama

**South Bay Communities Alliance**, 7385 Highway 188, Coden, Al.,36523

**The Quest for Social Justice** 3263 Demetropolis Road. Ste.#5 Mobile, AL 36693

**Alabama Churches and Faith Based Groups**

**African Methodist AME**, Brewton, AL 36426

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**Friendship Bolding Missionary Baptist**, 150 Hawthorne Rd., Greenville, AL 36037

**Mulberry Missionary Baptist Church**, 1155 Mulberry Rd., Brantley, AL 36009

**Mt. Rose Missionary Baptist Church**, 604 Mt. Rose Rd., Georgiana, AL 36033

**Mt. Ida Missionary Baptist Church**, 802 Gregory St., Greenville, AL 36037

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**Restorative Justice Team, North Alabama Conference United Methodist Church**, 898 Arkadelphia Road, Birmingham, AL 35204

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**St. Francis Missionary Baptist Church**, 457 St. Francis Road, Greenville, AL 36037

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**Social Justice Committee Prince of Peace Catholic Church, Birmingham, Alabama** 4600 Moss Creek Blvd, Birmingham, AL 35226

**Zion Fountain AME Church**, Brewton, AL 36426

## Regional Organizations

**Coalition for Citizens with Disabilities**, 5 Old River Place, Suite 101, Jackson, MS 39202

**Federation of Southern Cooperatives** 2769 Church Street, East Point, GA 30344

**Survivors Village, St. Jude Community Center**, 400 N. Rampart Street, New Orleans, La.

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**Corner Grocery Store**, 201 Garfield Rd., Greenville, AL, 201

**Dogwood Hills Cafe** 2385 Douglas Av., Brewton, AL 36426

**Drexel & Honeybee's Place** 220 Alco Drive, Brewton, AL 36426

**Evelyn's Style Shop** 103 1/2 East Underwood St., Brewton, AL 36426

**Jennies's Boutique** 804 Douglas Av., Brewton, AL 36426

**Longevity Antique Shop** 713 Douglas Av., Brewton, AL 36426

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--April 9, 2007 to the Mobile County Commission from Alabama Arise, Central Fair Housing, Inc., and South Bay Communities Alliance.

--March 6, 2007 letter to Mobile County Commission from 29 state and national organizations and 202 individuals

--December 19, 2006 Alabama Arise letter to ADECA and Mobile County Commission